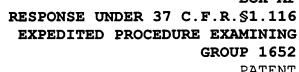
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of May 14, 1999, and Advisory Action of October 13, 1999, the due date having been reset with the filing of the Notice of Appeal on November 14, 1999, to January 14, 2000, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks.

## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

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Line 19, replace "1"